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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.
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- ☒ 2. The references (#3 & 4) were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

- ☒ 3. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/146,886, filed May 17, 2002, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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